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1. A Hungarian unit of company strength, armed with rifles, left Baja (Y 6/S 27) by the eastern exit road for field training in late May 1950. The company belonged to the 1st Ingr Bn in Baja according to a local resident (1).

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2. An artillery unit with guns of about 105 mm caliber moved out of the Ariny Miklos Barracks, Pecs, in mid-May 1950. The barracks housed about one artillery battalion. Wall posters in Pecs gave notice that the Hungarian artillery wanted to buy draft and riding horses. The prices offered were more than those of civilian horse traders.

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3. The Engineer Barracks in Szeged near the passenger railroad station was occupied by troops of battalion strength up to the second half of April 1950. The unit had been stationed there since the spring of 1949. Troops in the barracks wore blue epaulets. A Hungarian unit with red epaulets was stationed in the old Honved Barracks on Honved Square, near the Hoesoek Kapuja, Gate of Heroes. A unit of about 150 men carrying rifles repeatedly left the barracks. (3)

4. The troops in the Artillery Barracks in Oroshaza (Y 7/O 60) on the road to Szentetornya (Y 7/O 61), wore red epaulets. They were estimated at about 300. Only infantry weapons were observed. The unit moved into the barracks in the spring of 1950. The Infantry Barracks on the same road housed the

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headquarters of a border guard unit. (4).

5. A unit with green epaulets was repeatedly seen in **Bekescsaba** (R 16/O 91) in the barracks near the railroad station. (5)
6. A unit with red epaulets was stationed in Szolnok in the Artillery Barracks near the Szolnok-Alosi railroad station. Local residents referred to the unit as an artillery unit.
[REDACTED]
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7. An unidentified number of troops wearing yellow epaulets were located in unspecified quarters in Cegled in April 1950.
8. The Hussar Barracks in Szentes (Y 7/O 32) on the road to Csongrad (Y 7/O 23) were occupied by about 500 troops wearing yellow epaulets. (7)
9. The Infantry Barracks in Merienstadt, a southern suburb of Kecskemet, housed the headquarters of an infantry regiment and an infantry battalion, according to railroad employees who also said the Hussar or Artillery Barracks were occupied by a motorized signal unit.
10. In early March 1950 an artillery and a cavalry unit were located in the Frigyes Barracks on the western perimeter of Komarom (P 48/Y 76), east of the railroad line to Győr. Groups of 25 cavalymen were repeatedly seen there. No guns were observed. The barracks had about 400 troops [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] New barracks were being constructed south of the Frigyes Barracks up to the late summer of 1949. The work was suspended however and the buildings remained as raw brick structures.
11. A military quartering area of several buildings, some resembling garages, was west of the Banihida (P 48/Y 94) railroad station.
12. The Szondy Barracks on Baross G. Street in Miskolc were still being reconstructed in February 1950. The completed buildings housed about 40 officers and 200 men of a horse-drawn artillery unit. The buildings were not occupied to capacity. Guards wore red epaulets. (9). The buildings of the AA1 Barracks, about 2 km north of the town perimeter, were 90 percent repaired. The barracks housed an AAA battalion of about 350 men who wore red epaulets.

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- (2) In recent years Pecs has always been reported as a post for artillery troops. A horse-drawn artillery battalion was observed there in the spring of 1949. Training courses for artillery NCOs were also held in Pecs.
- (3) The blue service color is an engineer or signal unit. The unit in the Honved Barracks is probably an artillery unit.
- (4) Probably a border guard unit, since this branch has blue-bordered red epaulets. The Hq 12th Bn has been located in the Infantry Barracks, Groschaza, since 1948.
- (5) The service color is of an infantry unit.
- (6) A horse-drawn artillery battalion has been located in the Artillery Barracks since the summer of 1949. The observation of the red service color confirms artillery troops. The Infantry Barracks are probably occupied by an infantry unit.
- (7) The yellow service color is cavalry.
- (8) A horse-drawn artillery unit, probably of the 1st Inf Div, was stationed in Komarom in the spring of 1949 [REDACTED]
- (9) The Szondy Barracks housed horse-drawn and motorized artillery troops in the summer of 1949.

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